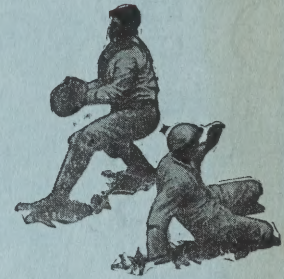


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Dear Mrs. Manley:

Your letters received and beg your indulgence for not answering sooner. I was very busy last week with a basketball promotion on Saturday night and football Sunday which took up so much of our time that we really didn't answer any letters all week. In fact, we didn't get out of the office before 4 A.M. any morning, doing publicity, etc.

Regarding the meeting in Chicago, I really can't see any reason for three of our representatives to be present. If there is anything to be done by our League I think the President alone can handle it. I see no necessity for spending a lot of money at this time.

We are losing sight of the fact that our League is the Major League and the Negro American League should fall in line with whatever we want them to.

The way we are handling it makes it appear as if they are the leading organization and we need them to show us the way.

As you are well aware the first meeting generally amounts to nothing and takes up a lot of time discussing matters which have to be ironed out later. If you think there should be early action, I would suggest a meeting of our League be called at an early date to go over plans for next season. Tom Wilson could bring us a report of the American League meeting with suggestions, etc., and we could decide on what we want to do.

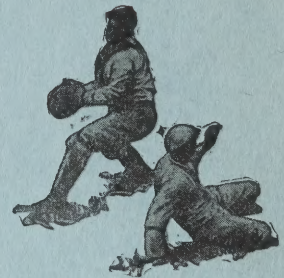
Regarding a Commissioner, the man you suggest sounds interesting, and might be very acceptable if he understands baseball. A whole

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lot also depends on what the cost would be for a Commissioner. I don't think there should be any action taken on this matter at the meeting in Chicago. Let them discuss it, and we will do the same when we get together, then decide on a man at a joint meeting, if one isn't agreed upon by both League's at their own meetings.

Under no conditons will I agree to allow the Philadelphia vote to be given in the choice of a Commissioner at any other meeting before the Negro National League gets together.

Should there be any question about any parts of my letter, or should you care to discuss things with me further, call me on the phone Wednesday evening.

I will be in New York Tuesday evening, to-day, at Whitehall 4-1510, in case you care to call me there, between 8.30 P.M. to 11 P.M.

With best regards to yourself and Abe, I am

Sincerely,

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E. Gottlieb